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1. IN CONTINUING BARRAGE OF ATTACKS ON RFE AND RL, SOVIET PRESS HAS FOCUSSED ON CZECH AND SOVIET AGENTS WHO RESPECTIVELY WORKED FOR RFE AND RL AND HAVE RECENTLY "COME IN FROM THE COLD."

2. FOLLOWING ON HEELS OF EARLIER "PRAVDA" STORY ON TWO STATIONS (MOSCOW 0609), TASS ON JANUARY 29 CARRIED STORY FROM PRAGUE BASED ON PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WAS USED IN VARIOUS FORMS BY PRAVDA, IZVESTIYA, SOVETSKAYA KUL'TURA AND OTHER PAPERS.

3. PRAVDA OF JAN 30 GAVE MOST LENGTHY COVERAGE TO PAVEL MINARIK'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN PRAGUE. AMONG HIS COMMENTS ON RFE AND RL, MINARIK CALLED BOTH STATIONS "TOOLS OF SUBVERSIVE ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES OF THE CIA DIRECTED AGAINST THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY." IN SPITE OF ORDERS TO ABSTAIN FROM "POLEMICS AND COMMENTARIES" ON THE EVE OF THE HELSINKI CSCE CONFERENCE, MINARIK CLAIMS THE STATIONS SELECTED

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ARTICLES FROM THE WESTERN PRESS WHICH CAST DOUBTS ON THE

INTENTIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION, AND EVEN USED MAOIST SLANDER TO ATTACK THE IDEA OF EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION. THE AMERICAN MANAGERS OF RFE, SAYS MINARIK, ISSUED DIRECTIVES TO NEGATE THE HELSINKI AGREEMENTS, UNDERMINE THE CSCE BELGRADE MEETING IN 1977, AND ADVOCATE THE RESTORATION OF THE PRE-1937 BORDERS IN EUROPE.

4. MINARIK SAYS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE "COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING," D. ABSHIR, STATED THAT REGULAR CONTACTS WITH THE AMERICAN AMBASSADORS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES GIVE THE STATIONS THE ABILITY TO REPORT "QUITE KNOWLEDGEABLY ON SENSITIVE PROBLEMS."

5. IN SPITE OF CLAIMS THAT SINCE 1971 OR 1972, THE CIA IS NO LONGER INVOLVED WITH RL AND RFE, MINARIK SAYS THAT "I CAN DECLARE WITH COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY THAT ALL THOSE FORMAL REORGANIZATIONS WERE ONLY DECEPTIONS, THAT RFE AND RL STILL LIVE BY COLD WAR IDEOLOGY, AND THAT CIA AGENTS STILL KEEP THEIR KEY POSITIONS." THESE RADIOS "HAVE REMAINED AN INTELLIGENCE AND PROPAGANDISTIC SERVICE OF AMERICAN ESPIONAGE," ASSERTED MINARIK. "SIXTY PERCENT OF THE AMERICAN PERSONNEL ARE CIA OR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE." CONTINUES MINARIK.

6. IN CONCLUSION, MINARIK SAYS THE "EXISTENCE OF THESE SUBSERSIVE RADIOS IS A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, THE UN CHARTER, AND THE PRINCIPLES WHICH 35 GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING THE US AND FRG, SIGNED IN HELSINKI." THE EXISTENCE OF RL AND RFE "VIOLATES THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE FRG AND IS CONTRARY TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNTRY."

7. CONTINUING TO MILK THE MINARIK STORY, TASS CARRIES ANOTHER STORY ON FEB 3 IN WHICH THE "CAPTAIN OF THE CZECH INTELLIGENCE SERVICE" TELLS HOW RFE USED A LETTER BY ALEXANDER DUBCEK TO GENERATE "ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA."

8. TASS ALSO ON FEB 3 CARRIES ADVANCE STORY OF FEB 4 EDITION OF "LITERATURNAYA GAZETA" STORY ON SOVIET CITIZEN YURIY MARIN WHO WORKED AT RADIO LIBERTY AND HAS NOW "RETURNED " TO THE SOVIET UNION. NAMING NAMES, AS DOES MINARIK, MARIN RELATES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOW HE WAS "RECRUITED" TO TEACH AT THE "U.S. ARMY INSTITUTE FOR UP-GRADING IN THE STUDY OF RUSSIA AND THE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES" (SIC) AND LATER TO WORK AT RL. REPORTERS ON RL DO NOT EVEN GIVE THEIR EAAL NAMES, SAYS MARIN, SINCE THEY ARE CONNECTED WITH "BASENESS, CRIME, SERVICE WITH THE NAZIS AND BETRAYAL OF THEIR COUNTRY." HE THEN SUPPLIES LIST OF REAL AND PSEUDONYMS FOR TWELVE RL EMPLOYEES.

IN RECENT YEARS, RL HAS LOOKED TO "ZIONISTS" FOR NEW PERSONNEL. "LITERATURNAYA GAZETA" EDITORIALIZES THAT THE ACTIVITY OF RL," FINANCED BY THE US CONGRESS AND GUIDED BY THE CIA, IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND IN VIOLATION OF THE FINAL ACT SIGNED IN HELSINKI."

9. COMMENT: IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH TASS DIRECTOR, MFA/PRESS CHIEF AND OTHER HIGH SOVIET MEDIA OFFICIALS, COMMENTS INVARIABLY WERE MADE ABOUT FIRM SOVIET COMMITMENT TO DETENTE AND INTENTION TO HONOR "ALL PROVISIONS" CSCE FINAL ACT. AT SAME TIME, US COMMITMENT TO DETENTE AND CSCE WAS QUESTIONED, SOMETIMES DIRECTLY, OTHER TIMES BY IMPLICATION. HAVING ESTABLISHED CSCE COMPLIANCE AS APPARENT PLANK IN PLATFORM FOR XXV CONGRESS, SOVIETS ARE FOCUSING ON RL AND RFE OPERATIONS AS SIGNIFICANT EXAMPLES OF WESTERN NON-COMPLIANCE.

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